JOHN FRANCIS MERCER, Esquire, Governor.

NOVEMBER.

simple, for the use of the county aforesaid, not exceeding two hundred acres of land, in any part of the said county, and also to contract with any person or persons for building a new poor-house upon such a plan as they may think most eligible, and to sell at public sale the lands and premises belonging to the old poor-house, and that they be authorised to transfer the same in fee-simple, by a good and effectual deed of conveyance, and apply the monies arising therefrom to the purchase of such other land as they shall think more eligible.

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IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners aforesaid shall call upon the collector for Who shall call all monies levied and assessed for their use in pursuance of this act, as soon as the same shall be- on the colleccome payable by law, and in case of neglect or refusal, they shall have power, within two months tor, &c. thereafter, to issue an execution against the said collector, out of the county court, for the money so due, and shall have all the legal benefits and privileges usually attending executions issued in behalf of the state of Maryland.

V. And BE IT ENACTED, That each of the commissioners aforesaid shall receive, as a compen- Their allowsation for his services, the sum of two dollars for every day he shall attend or be engaged in discharging the provisions of this act, and the said allowance shall be assessed in the county levy.

C H A P. LXXVI.

An ACT to erect a town in Montgomery county, and for other Passed 31st of Dec. 1801. purposes.

THEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants Preamble. of Montgomery county, that Thomas O. Williams, Elisha O. Williams, William P. Williams and Edward O. Williams, did lay off a parcel of their land, adjacent to the court-house of said county, into lots, a great part of which have since been purchased, and considerable improvements made thereon, and there being no record of the same, the titles of the proprietors thereof are precarious and uncertain, and it is prayed that the same may be surveyed, marked, bounded, and erected into a town; therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That John Adamson, Josias Hanson Commission-M'Pherson, William Holmes, Benjamin W. Jones and Thomas Linsted, be and they are hereby ers appointed, appointed commissioners, who shall, on or before the first day of August next, meet at the court- &c. house aforesaid, and having so met, the said commissioners, or any two of them, shall have power and authority to direct the surveyor of Montgomery county, or any person whom they may think proper to appoint, to survey the said town, and the several lots therein, and make out an exact plot thereof, and shall ascertain and limit the extent of the lots, streets and lanes thereof, most agreeably to their original location, according to the best evidence that can be obtained, and the said lots, so laid out, shall by them be numbered one, two, three, and so on, for distinguishing each lot from the other, and shall cause the said streets and lanes to be named by certain names; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have full power to adjourn from day to day till the duties imposed by this act are fully performed.

III. And BE IT ENACTED, That the said lots, when they are surveyed and laid out by the com- A town eredmissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them, shall be and are hereby erected into a town, to be ed, &c. called and known by the name of Rockville; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby directed to return a correct certificate and plot of the said lots to the clerk of Montgomery county court, who is hereby required to record the same among the land records of said county, and keep the original certificate and plot in his office, and a certified copy of the original, or record, or any pare thereof, shall be conclusive evidence as to the bounds and lines of the said town, and the lots thereof.

IV. And BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby au- Commissionthorised and required, having first given twenty days notice of the time and place of their meet- ers to issue ing by public advertisement, to issue summonses for such person or persons as may be applied for &c. by any of the proprietors aforesaid, which said witnesses are hereby required to attend, under the penalty of five dollars for every neglect or refusal, and to examine them upon their corporal oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, touching and concerning their knowledge of the bounds, limits and extent, of any of the lots, streets and lanes, of the said town, and to establish the same accordingly; and each witness attending under any summons issued as aforesaid shall be entitled to receive one dollar for every day he shall so attend.